



U.S. EPA Proposes To Remove Mid-Atlantic Wood Preservers Site From Superfund List

EPA Seeks Comments from Public

**30 Day Comment Period is from
May 19, 2000 to June 19, 2000**



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that contamination was successfully dealt with at the Mid-Atlantic Wood Preservers Superfund Site in Harmans, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Because of this, EPA is proposing to delete this Site from the Superfund List (known formally as the "National Priorities List" or "NPL" for short).

The Site work was completed in 1993. It involved paving over soils that were contaminated with potentially harmful levels of arsenic and chromium. Contamination in underground water at the Site decreased to safe levels without any action required. This contamination resulted from a wood-preserving facility that once operated at the Site.

After the work was finished, EPA did a Five-Year Review which found that the work was successful. Extensive monitoring examined conditions on, beneath, and around the Site. These studies confirmed that the remedy is functioning as planned, and is protecting both the community and the environment. The Site was bought by a neighboring company, and is currently used as a parking lot.

EPA is now proposing to remove the Site from the Superfund List. This means that all work is complete, but Five-Year Reviews and inspections will continue. The next Five-Year Review will be in 2003. If conditions at the Site ever change, federal money will still be available for any needed cleanup work. The Maryland Department of the Environment agrees with EPA's proposal. We now need to hear from you.

If we don't get any comments that oppose deleting this Site, then its removal will become effective on July 19, 2000 (30 days after the end of this comment period). If we do get opposing comments, we will consider them, respond to them, and decide whether to proceed with removing the Site.

Mail your comments to:

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For more information: Read EPA's files at the Public Reading Room, located at EPA's offices on 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. The reading room is open Monday - Friday from 9 to 4; please call (215) 814-3157 to arrange an appointment. You can also call EPA's information center at (215) 814-3157 for a copy of the proposal.

A copy of EPA's files is available at the local Site Repository, which is the Provinces Branch Library, Severn Square Shopping Center, 2624 Annapolis Road, Severn, MD, 21144.

Questions? You can reach the EPA Remedial Project Manager, Matthew T. Mellon, at (215) 814-3168, or the EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, Richard Kuhn, at (215) 814-5528. You can also dial the regional Superfund Hotline at (800) 553-2509.